



Byfleet CC Newsletter – June 2014

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Race Night: Don't forget the Race Night this Saturday at the Club, £5/ticket for adults & includes a free drink.

There are a number of congratulations and celebrations to report:

Lindsey Crabtree safely delivered a baby boy, Finn Henry, on 8th May. Congratulations to both Will & Lindsey and to Jim & Chrissie on becoming proud grandparents – our next Captain in the making?

Ken & Nancy Savage who celebrate their 40th (Ruby) wedding anniversary on 1st June.

Andy Coe has been promoted to Wing Commander in the RAF. Andy's RAF commitments make it very difficult for him to play but he's promised a fly-past when we open the new Clubhouse.....

Summary of Season so far:

The 1st XI sit top of Div. 5 of the Surrey Championship with comprehensive wins over Merrow by 9 wks, Chertsey by 124 runs and Dorking by 7 wks. The 2nds have had a mixed start to their campaign, winning one and losing 2 with one cancellation. Sunday League side unbeaten and sit joint top after 2 games. Iain Bowman & Rob Deven have successfully got the 3rd X1 established, albeit still awaiting their first victory.

Some milestones: Shaky passed 400 appearances, Rob Deven 200, Ben Tyler 100.

Other notable milestones may be achieved in June – watch this space.

2014 Subscriptions are now overdue - £60 for playing members, £30 for students and Colts, £20 for social members, make cheques payable to Byfleet Cricket Club and hand to Ken, any Committee Member or send to the Treasurer. We have strong, and healthy, competition for selection across all teams and **Captains have been instructed to give priority in selection to members who have paid their subscriptions.**

Land Purchase/Extension/Renovation

We await approval for our re-submitted Planning Application, the land purchase is on-going and we have finally had a response from West Estates. We continue to move forward, albeit slowly.....

Fund Raising

We are installing a “Bat Thermometer” by the Bar so everyone can see progress but the Paintball Day was not as well supported as we hoped and had to be cancelled. The fund currently stands at over £26,000 towards our target of £75,000 by Sept. 2015.

The **BIG NEWS** is that we have agreed in principle with Cobham Avorians to jointly host Lashings CC at the Avorian’s ground on **Sunday 28th June 2015**. Lashings are made up of ex-Test cricketers from around the globe and help Clubs raise money for good causes. Players include Matthew Hoggard, Owais Shah, Graeme Swann, Phil Defreitas, Herscelle Gibbs, Courtney Walsh, Gordon Greenidge, Inzaman ul Haq, Martin Bicknell and many others – go to www.lashings.co.uk for more details.

We have certain targets to meet to ensure we at least break-even. The event will attract huge local attention and we have set up a small team with the Avorians to organise and run the event. Please reserve this date in your diaries and further information will follow as the arrangements are made.

In light of the recent donations from Bob Goldsmith and Ian MacKenzie we are attempting to track down former players who may be willing to provide donations towards the cause. If you have any contact with former players please let us know.

100 Club

We now have 50 members and next week we will discuss raising or extending the prize money. If you are not already a member simply pick up a Bank Mandate form from the bar and hand to any Committee member or Ken behind the bar.

Second Ground – Major Development

We had a meeting with Byfleet Village FC and Woking BC on 19th May about arrangements for installing a cricket square on the Kings Head Lane ground. It was very positive, we would accommodate our 3rd XI and Colts games around the football club’s requirements. We have offered to maintain the square, the Council will cut the outfield and further discussions need to take place over costs, use of changing facilities, sightscreens etc. and priority booking for the Club as it will be a public resource and other organisations would be entitled to use it. All being well, the Council will install a 6 strip square including an artificial wicket hopefully this summer and we may have use from May 2015 but this is not guaranteed. This would be a tremendous asset for the Club, would ensure the 3rd XI become an integral element of the whole Club environment and are not left to wander between grounds with all the uncertainty associated with that, will relieve the enormous pressure on the main square and provide an ideal and convenient facility for Colts’ fixtures.

Colts

We have over 100 Colts registered which is a tremendous achievement. All results can be found on the website. The coaches are delivering a sterling performance, the support of parents is overwhelming and we are well into a full schedule of games. The addition of Brian and Brent to the team is a massive boost and they have both settled in immediately.

June Event Diary

31st May	Race Night at the Club
14th June	Rock ‘n Roll Bingo and World Cup: England v. Italy on a big screen
29th June	President’s Day

**Byfleet CC Committee
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